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TO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL HEARINGS IN HOUSE

1. AT THE URGING OF CONGRESSMAN MURPHY (D-N.Y.), WHO IS APPARENTLY ACTING AT THE BEHEST OF THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT, THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (LONG COMMITTEE) WILL HOLD ADDITIONAL HEARINGS ON APRIL 19 OR B1 ON NICARAGUA. CONGRESSMAN MURPHY WILL TESTIFY ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL WITNESSES FROM NICARAGUA.

2. CONGRESSMAN KOCH IS DETERMINED TO INVITE CHAMORRO TO THESE HEARINGS. HE WILL BE SENDING A LETTER TO PRESIDENT SOMOZA REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOW CHAMORRO TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND TESTIFY.

3. DURING APRIL 5 HEARINGS KOCH ASKED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRAY WHETHER THE U.S. COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN ALLOWING CHAMORRO TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY FOR SUCH A PURPOSE. BRAY ANSWERED THAT
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WE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION THROUGH OUR EMBASSY BUT DID NOT KNOW HOW INSTRUMENTAL OR SUCCESSFUL WE WOULD BE.

4. DUE TO THE PRESENT ATMOSPHERE IN CONGRESS, DEPARTMENT

BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO SOMOZA'S OWN INTERESTS TO PLACE OBSTACLES IN CHAMORRO'S WAY. AT

YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH TO INDICATE THIS.

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